

# CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY



**THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY**  
January 8, 2023—10:30 am

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## *A Note To Our Guests:*

Welcome to Epiphany, we are glad to have you join us this morning as we celebrate Holy Eucharist!

Guests sometimes worry about what to do next...where to turn in the book and whether to stand, sit or kneel. From time to time you will receive page number guidance from the clergy, and you may watch to see what others do. The “BCP” page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer, the black book. The “S” numbers refer to the Service Music in the front of the blue Hymnal 1982. But we invite you into worship and just to enjoy the service. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion at the Lord’s Table. If you prefer not to receive, but wish to come forward for a blessing, please do so, crossing your arms against your chest.

We are blessed to have you with us! So, sing the hymns, join in, and celebrate the joy of our Lord’s life, death, and resurrection!

Again, welcome ...We wish you God’s peace and joy!

Faithfully,  
*The People of Church of the Epiphany*

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Holy Eucharist (Rite I)—Sunday 8:00 a.m.  
Holy Eucharist (Rite II)—Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Morning Prayer via Zoom  
Tuesday and Thursday 7:00 a.m.

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Baptism & Holy Eucharist - Rite II - 10:30 am

*A time of quiet reflection or personal prayer is requested prior to the service.*

**PRELUDE** - *March of the Three Kings/We Three Kings* Pascal Anderson-Tarver

**PROCESSIONAL** - *We Three Kings of Orient Are* Hymn 128

**OPENING ACCLAMATION** BCP 299

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON - *Isaiah 60:1-6*

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;

but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;

your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.  
**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

**THE PSALM**    - *Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14*

- <sup>1</sup> Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- <sup>2</sup> That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;
- <sup>3</sup> That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- <sup>4</sup> He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- <sup>5</sup> He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.
- <sup>6</sup> He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.
- <sup>7</sup> In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- <sup>10</sup> The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, \*  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
- <sup>11</sup> All kings shall bow down before him, \*  
and all the nations do him service.
- <sup>12</sup> For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \*  
and the oppressed who has no helper.
- <sup>13</sup> He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

<sup>14</sup> He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, \*  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

**All**            **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

**THE EPISTLE** - *Ephesians 3:1-12*

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord  
**People**        **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL HYMN** - *Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning*

Hymn 117

**THE GOSPEL** - *Matthew 2:1-12*

*Lector*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**People**        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all

Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*Lector* The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**SERMON** Fr. Stace Tafoya

**HOLY BAPTISM** Dylan Hugh Mailes BCP 301

**THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT** BCP 304

**THE BAPTISM** BCP 307

*Celebrant* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**All** We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All** And also with you.

<b>OFFERTORY</b> - <i>What Star is This, With Beams So Bright</i>	Hymn 124
<b>DOXOLOGY</b> <b>Praise God from whom all blessings flow;</b> <b>Praise Him all creatures here below;</b> <b>Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;</b> <b>Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</b>	
<b>GREAT THANKSGIVING</b>	BCP 362
<b>SANCTUS</b> <b>Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,</b> <b>Heaven and earth are full of your glory.</b> <b>Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.</b> <b>Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.</b> <b>Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.</b>	Hymn S-125
<b>GREAT AMEN</b>	Hymn S-146
<b>FRACTION ANTHEM</b> <b>Alleluia,</b> <b>Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast;</b> <b>Blood of Christ, shed for us, take in remembrance of Him.</b>	Belmont
<b>COMMUNION MUSIC</b> - <i>What Child is This?</i>	Hymn 115
<i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i>	Hymn 112
<b>POST COMMUNION PRAYER</b>	BCP 365
<b>RECESSIONAL</b> - <i>Once in Royal David's City</i>	Hymn 102

*We are a community of discipleship, healing and worship.  
We are committed to God, one another and  
the transformation of the world in Jesus Christ.*

## News

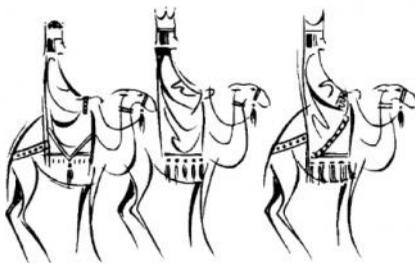
**2023 Pledge Cards Available**—Look for pledge cards in the commons to help the vestry plan Epiphany's operating budget for this new year. Please return to the collection box or the church office.

**Diocese of Central Florida**—Please be praying for Fr. Stace and Sarah as they await the results of the bishop's election in Florida which will take place on January 14<sup>th</sup>.

# Epiphany Celebration

**Today!**

We will celebrate our church's feast day today with our traditional pig roast! Everyone is invited after the 10:30 service.



DATE	10:30 LECTOR	ACOLYTES	CHALICE
1/8	Shirley	Jacob, Pascal, Antonio	John
1/15	Martin	Martin, Amalia, Outshine	Don
1/22	Amalia	Pascal, Jacob	Shirley
1/29		Gillian	Gillian